

## House Resolution No. 3156

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative duties in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions which have proven to be an important component of local communities and neighborhoods; and

**Whereas**, Saint Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ in Billings was founded by German speaking immigrants in 1880 under the direction of the Reverend W. Hattendorf and with the assistance of the Home Mission Board of the German Evangelical Church of North America; and

**Whereas**, on Sunday, May 22, 2005, the pastor, staff, and congregation of Saint Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ will observe the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their church's establishment; and

**Whereas**, the morning worship service at Saint Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ will have a son of the congregation as the special speaker, the Reverend Raymond H. Schultz of Evansville, Indiana, and will also feature a former pastor, the Reverend Robert Cantrell of Gerald, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, a traditional carry-in pot luck dinner will occur at the noon hour, followed at 1:30 by a special Founders Day program which will recall the congregation's history and ministry down through the years; and

**Whereas**, the afternoon event will feature a special musical tribute by former member and organist, Helen Kathryn Rauch McGinnis, of Wichita, Kansas; recognition of the fifty years of service so generously given by the current church organist, Erna Lou Kastendieck; and a celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the ordination of the Reverend Fred W. Beyer, another son of the congregation, and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the ordination of the Reverend Raymond Schultz; and

**Whereas**, Saint Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ today is led by pastor Doug Burwick, the twenty-third person to hold that esteemed office since pastor Hattendorf helped found the congregation in 1880:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long history of spiritual leadership provided by Saint Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their church; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Saint Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ in Billings, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jay Wasson  
District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3156, adopted May 11, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker